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59 ARRESTED IN BOMBAY FOR DEMONSTRATIONS

Many Shops Closed In City: Thin Attendance In Colleges: Countrywide Arrests

BOMBAY, Monday.

About 59 persons were placed under arrest in the city to-day either while trying to take out processions or attempting to hoist the Congress Tricolour. Otherwise an atmosphere of peace prevailed in the city.

As it was exactly a year ago that Mahatma Gandhi and other Congress leaders were put under arrest in Bombay, a hartal was observed in the city.

Shops in Dadar, Matunga, Girgaum, Kalbadevi and elsewhere in the city except in the Fort area and the predominantly Muslim localities were closed. The Bombay Stock Exchange and other wholesale markets were also closed. All the Municipal schools and several of the private primary and secondary schools in the city were also closed. There was attenuated attendance in such schools as were kept open.

The Khalsa college, the Ruia college and the Podar college were closed. The other colleges were officially open but many students kept away.

The police had taken ample precautions. Armed police pickets were posted at strategic centres. In addition to nearly 300 persons who were rounded up by the various sections during the last three days, about a score of Congress workers (mostly recently released) were also to-day arrested by the C. I. D. It is understood that during the last three days the police also arrested about 60 persons at Victoria Terminus, Bombay Central and Dadar, as they were suspected to be proceeding to Poona.

The Gowalia Tank maidan where the last session of the All-India Congress Committee was held was occupied by the police. A group of five young men who went there were arrested near Grant Road, as they attempted to form a procession while returning.

Seven persons were also arrested near the Sonawala Building, Tardeo, in connection with a flag salutation. Three persons were arrested while going in a procession from Golpitha to Prarthana Samaj, two near the Imperial Cinema, Lamington Road for flag salutation, three near the Bhangwadi Theatre for trying to take out a procession, eight at Dongri for trying to take out a procession, one near Shivaji Park, one near the Dadar, B. B. C. I. Station, three arrests at King's Circle, two at DeLisle Road and one at Agripada.

A house near DeLisle Road was raided on Sunday night and five persons were arrested. It is understood that a bundle of Congress bulletins and posters were seized from the house.

Later six persons were arrested in Gunbow Street, Fort, as they were stated to have persuaded shop-keepers to close their shops.

Labour area was quiet, though workers in a few mills had come out.

Students hovered about peacefully near colleges and schools which received special attention from the police.

"Bomb" Factory Raided

Four persons were arrested and eight live-bombs were recovered by the Bombay police when they raided a place which is suspected to have been a regular bomb factory. It is stated that the police had been watching a building in Saitan Chowki as they suspected something was going on there. On Saturday they raided the place and arrested B. B. Dikshit, who was found in the place. Later they also arrested G. B. Dikshit, S. G. Kir and T. B. Manjrekar who came there. It is stated that they also recovered eight small incendiary bombs and implements for making bombs.

ARRESTS IN FORT

Narayan K. Suvarna, G. P. Puthrau, M. V. Vasudeo Handi and three more persons were arrested by the city police when they took out a procession through Hornby Road, Sir Pherozeshah Mehta Road, Cowasji Patel Street and Gunbow Street.

Procession, and demonstrations held at Tardeo, Tribhuvan Road, Portuguese Church and the Thakurdwar Coffee House resulted in the arrest of 12 more persons. In each of the first and second places, two persons were arrested, and three persons were arrested in the third place.

MRS. BHATTACHARJEE ARRESTED

BOMBAY, Monday.

Among those arrested during the day are Mrs. Kalyani Bhattacharji an ex-detenu and sister of Kumari Bina Das of Calcutta Convocation shooting case T. H. Pursuram and I. P. Murty.

Mrs. Bhattacharjee was arrested when leading a procession in Matunga this morning.

PROCESSIONS AND ARRESTS IN SUBURBS

(From Our Correspondent.)

BANDRA, Aug. 9.

On 'Congress Leaders Arrest Anniversary' on Monday police were posted at nearly all important places in the Suburban area. From the very early hours of the morning all shops in Danda were completely closed and had paper tricolour Congress flags pasted on the doors.

On Sunday evening at about 8-45 p.m. the first procession of about 60 persons was taken out on Sadanand Road, Vile Parle. (East), when Sub-Inspector Shinde, immediately dispersed it and arrested Eknath Khanderao Gidh and Gaurishanker Gopalji Bhatt.

On Monday morning at 9-15 a procession of about 150 individuals was taken out on the Parle-Juhu Road but before it could proceed a few yards the same Sub-Inspector put Mrs. Vidyabai N. Killawalla and Miss Avabai Framji Havewalla under arrest. At about 9-30, a procession of about 40 persons was taken out on the Sadanand Road (East) Vile Parle, when Munjibhai K. Desai was arrested. At about 10 a.m. a procession of about 80 persons was taken out on the Juhu Road at Parle, when Pranvallabh D. Joshi was arrested. At 9-45 a.m a procession of about 100 persons was taken out on the Versova Road, Andheri, when the processionists it is alleged stopped all buses, but before any damage could be done Sub-Inspector Fernande dispersed them and arrested Rajabali Rajan of Versova and Narayan Chandraji, a Koli, said to be a resident of Mandvi, Bombay. At about 9-30 a.m. a procession of about 60 persons was taken out on the Cama Road at Ghatkopar. Pralhad Keshawlal Patel and Kapurchand V. Ghalani were arrested in this connection.

SHOPS AND SCHOOLS CLOSED

From the early hours of the morning several shops in Khar, Santa Cruz, Vile Parle, Andheri, Jogeshwari, Malad, Borivilee, Kurla and Ghatkopar areas remained closed for the day. Several schools in the Suburban area were also closed. In several of the Suburban police stations, magistrates and honorary magistrates were posted for special duty from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

ARRESTS AT VERSOVA

(From Our Correspondent.)

Syt. Rajataliq and another Congress worker were arrested in Versova on Monday morning.

JAILED FOR DISTRIBUTING PAMPHLETS

BOMBAY, Monday.

Kusum Amratlal and Kanta Nagji were arrested by the Railway Police at Bombay Central for distributing pamphlets containing prejudicial reports yesterday. They were produced before Mr. V. K. Muranjan, Presidency Magistrate of the Mazagaon Police Court to-day and ordered to be remanded in Jail Custody till Aug. 24.

80 ARRESTS IN POONA

POONA, August 9.

So far, 80 persons have been arrested by the police in connection with the anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi's arrest. The majority of these were effected at the Poona and nearby railway stations which are being guarded. It is understood that people from different parts like Kerala, Madras, Bengal, Assam, the Punjab and Belgaum etc. have arrived here with a view to participate in a demonstration to mark the anniversary.—

MONDAY'S ARRESTS

Twenty persons were taken into custody this morning, the first anniversary of the arrest of Mahatma Gandhi and other Congress leaders.

Some of the educational institutions are closed while others conducting morning classes are working with poor attendance.—A. P.

COMPLETE HARTAL IN AHMEDABAD

(From Our Correspondent)

AHMEDABAD, Aug. 9.

Ahmedabad is observing complete hartal to-day mills, markets and shops being closed.

Police are patrolling the whole city. Armed police are posted on strategic points and at Government buildings. Students are not attending schools and colleges. Cinema shows are also closed.

6 ARRESTS IN AHMEDABAD

AHMEDABAD, Aug. 9

About half a dozen processions were taken out today. The mills and markets were also closed. Stones were thrown at the police at several places, and at one place acid was thrown at two policemen who were slightly injured About half a dozen arrests were made.

HARTAL AT SURAT

SURAT, Aug. 9.—Surat is observing a hartal to-day being the anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi's arrest.—A.P.

'9th AUGUST DEAL TO DELHI PRESS

NEW DELHI, Aug. 9.

The offices of the "Hindustan Times" and the "Hindustan" were visited by the Delhi police early this morning. The police served the management with a notice from the Chief Commissioner of Delhi that the issue of the papers bearing the date of August 9 were not to leave the office till the Chief Commissioner had permitted their release to the public. The Police took away some copies of the two papers, but returned them after half an hour or so with the directions that the paper could be released for the public.—A. P.

DELHI ARRESTS

NEW DELHI, August 9:—Mr. Ram Asri Chief Medical Officer of the Delhi Free Homoeopathic Dispensary, was arrested under Rule 129 of the Defence of India Rules.

Mr. Mehboob Ali Zia who was just released on the expiry of his term of imprisonment from the Ferozepore Jail was again arrested under the same rule at the Delhi Railway station. Another person was also arrested near Subzi Mandi.—United Press.

13 ARRESTS IN DELHI.

NEW DELHI, Aug. 9: Two persons were arrested to-day while carrying National Flags near the Clock Tower. The Delhi C.I.D rounded up four persons last night from Sabzi Mandi and Paharganj under Sec. 129 of D.I.R. Attendance in some schools and colleges was sparse.

Attempts were made to take out processions in Chandni Chowk today. Hitherto 13 persons have been arrested.

The house of a local journalist was searched this afternoon but nothing incriminating is reported to have been found.—A. P.

CONVICTED FOR CARRYING SMALL COINS

ALLAHABAD, August 8.

On the charge of carrying small change beyond his reasonable requirements a railway passenger was convicted on Thursday by the Railway Special Magistrate and fined Rs. 15 under the Defence of India Rules.

Small change worth about Rs 105 recovered from his possession was also ordered to be forfeited.—A. P.

12 ARRESTS IN BENARES

BENARES, Aug. 9. The police under the supervision of the City Magistrate and the Deputy Superintendent of Police compelled half a dozen shops to reopen in the city, which had remained closed till midday. Mounted armed police have been posted around the Benares University and several other places. About 12 persons including some women were arrested as a precautionary measure.—A. P.

AMRITSAR, Aug. 9: Principal business centres in Amritsar remained closed to-day.

LUCKNOW, Aug. 9: Most of the shops in the city are closed to-day.—A. P.

CAWNPORE, August 8: The C. I. D. arrested to-day three persons under the Defence of India Rules and seized from their persons four or five cartridges. It is pointed out that the arrests are not connected with political developments and are made in the usual course.—A. P.

HOUSE SEARCHES IN DACCA

DACCA, August 8: The Police yesterday searched about 8 houses in the City but no arrest is reported to have been made.

The police on Thursday last arrested Tarak Chandra Basak under section 151 Cr. P. C.—A. P.

LOOTING CASE ACCUSED ARRESTED

DACCA, Aug. 9: Bau Suresh Chandra Das an accused in connection with the Nababganj Thana looting case who was absconding for a long time was arrested.

PRESS FIND AND ARRESTS

PATNA, August 9.

A miniature underground handprinting press is reported to have been unearthed by the city police last night in Khajekal in Patna City. The police is said to have arrested two persons who are alleged to have been actually engaged in the process of printing prejudicial leaflets.—O. P.

RELEASED ON APPEAL

CHANDPUR, Aug. 9: Mr. Bankim Ch. Mahalanobis, Secretary of the Chandpur Sub-Divisional Congress Committee, who filed an appeal before the District Judge of Tippera, against the order of his conviction and sentence passed by the Special Magistrate of Chandpur under D.I.R. has been ordered to be released by the District Judge and the sentence of fine of Rs. 100 has been remitted.—U. P.

SYLHET CONGRESS WORKERS ARRESTED

SYLHET, August 6: The Sylhet Police have arrested Miss Charushila Dev, a Hindi Teacher and Congress worker and Messrs. Durgesh Chandra Dev, Ajit Kumar Nag, Ganesh Chandra Lohar and Himansu Gupta, prominent Congres workers of Sylhet, under the Defence of India Act. All the arrested persons have been remanded in jail custody.—A. P.

SMTI. D. AMMAL ARRESTED

MADRAS, Aug. 9: Srimati Devi yani Ammal, a resident of Royapuram, was arrested by the police today for alleged distribution of prejudicial leaflets in George Town.—A.P.

C. P. Women Political Prisoners To Be Released

(From Our Own Correspondent)

NAGPUR, Aug. 6.

I understand on good authority that all women political prisoners and detenues in the Provincial Jails, with the exception of few, will shortly be released. These releases would take place within the course of this month.

NAGPUR ARRESTS

NAGPUR, Aug. 9: Forty-three persons have been remanded to police custody since July 22 as a precautionary measure under D.I.R.—U.P.

NAGPUR: Mrs. Prabhawati Jakatdar who was arrested last year under D.I.R. 26 was released owing to illness. She was suffering from typhoid. —U. P.

Letter Gives Clue To Arrest

(From Our Correspondent.)

NAGPUR, Aug. 6.

It is reported that Srimati Savitridevi Bajaj, wife of Sjt. Kamal Nayan Bajaj, is lying ill at Victoria Hospital Jubbulpore:

Details regarding the arrests of Sjt. Maganlal Bagdi and others at Bombay have been known. It is reported that the Bombay Police informed the local police here, that three persons from C. P. had been arrested. The C.I.D. inspector was sent to Bombay. It was found that Messrs. Shamlal, Srivas, Mahadeo and Jagannath, prominent workers of the Congress Socialist party, who are absconding since last August disturbances, were arrested.

On inquiry, the C.I.D. Inspector found an envelope in possession of Mr. Shamlal. The address on the envelope was torn. But on the reverse the postal seals were intact. The postal seal gave the clue that the letter was sent from Calcutta and it was delivered from Kalbadevi post office. On further inquiry it was revealed that the letters in green ink used to be delivered in a building on the fourth floor on the Kalbadevi Road. The postman, showed the place where the letters were used to be delivered. The police raided the place and arrested Maganlal Bagdi and two others from there. They have been brought to Nagpur under police escort. It will be remembered that the C. P. Government had announced a prize of Rs. 1,000 for the arrest of Mr. Bagdi.

AMERY SENTIMENTALISES

ON BRITAIN'S SUPREME TEST

"It Will Lie In Whether We Succeed Or Fail In Winning A Free India"!

YORK, Aug. 9.

Delivering the inaugural address to a teacher's course here on British Empire subjects to-night, Mr. Leopold Amery, Secretary of State for India, declared: "The supreme test of our whole system will lie in whether we succeed or fail in the years after the war, in winning a free India united and at peace within herself to the acceptance of her own unfettered choice of privileges and responsibilities of the Commonwealth and to that high place in its counsels as in those of the world to which her political greatness and gifts of her people should entitle her. Nothing can be of greater consequence to our own peace and to that of the world than to prove by our example that the free Commonwealth can embrace peoples of every race and colour and that the internecine conflicts of Europe need not be a mere prelude to ever greater and more terrible racial conflicts in future".

EMPIRE, NOT AN EXTERNAL BOND

In another passage Mr Amery said: "The old conception of the British Empire as a planetary system with this country as the central sun, the old suspicion dating from the colonial days of Downing Street control and interference have not yet wholly faded out. We are only gradually beginning to realise here and in the Dominions that the Empire is not an external bond, a superstate, but like the Kingdom of Heaven, within us. It is not something to which we submit that owns us: It is something that we own, an enlargement and an exaltation of our own national and individual life. Imperial unity is inherent in our constitutions and not imposed by a Federal constitution from without—inherent in the common Crown in a sense of responsibility for the common interest springing from that common focus and strengthened by innumerable strands of common interest, kindred thought and mutual sympathy".

CONVERSION INTO FEDERAL UNION

Discussing the question of converting the Empire into a Federal Union Mr. Amery observed: "for more than half a century now, federalists have prophesied that the British Empire must federate or break up. It has steadily refused to do either. On the contrary with every loosening of the central authority of the United Kingdom, the part played by the Commonwealth as a whole in time of crisis has been more striking. We have only to compare the contribution of the Dominions in the South African war with that made to the common effort in the last War and that in its turn with the amazing effort of the Dominions to-day in order to realise how effective unity in action has grown with a sense of even fuller freedom. It is the Commonwealth of freedom that has saved our freedom and that of the world.—Reuter.

RADHAKRISHNAN ON POLITICAL SITUATION

BENARES, August 8.

After delivering the "Sunday Gita Lecture" this morning Sir S. Radhakrishnan, Vice-Chancellor of the Benares Hindu University, speaking on the present political situation in the country said:

"Naturally to-day our thoughts go back to the fateful 9th of August, 1942, when Gandhiji and other leaders were taken under detention.

The political deadlock continues and the country is being governed by executive measures, decrees and ordinances. Bitterness and distrust have afflicted millions of men and women. This is an unnatural condition which requires to be terminated as soon as possible for the peace of the country and the good name of Britain.

CONFESSION OF FAILURE

"The Viceroy's speech last Monday is a confession of failure, failure of statesmanship and vision. It points out how the offers made by the British Government were rejected by the Indian leaders and these leaders themselves, so ready to reject, were unable to offer an alternative solution. These arguments and counter-arguments, these thrusts and counter-thrusts, may not admit of any answer. But they carry no conviction. They take us nowhere.

INDIA FIGURES IN LONDON MEETINGS

Release Of Politicals Urged: Sorensen's Plea For Indo British Co-operation

(From Our Own Correspondent)

LONDON, August 9.

A demand for the release of Indian politicals was made yesterday at meetings held all over London.

The India League had a number of speakers at a meeting held at Holborn Hall. Among those who spoke were Mr. Harry Adams President of the Amalgamated Society of Building Workers; Mr. George Crane, National Organiser of the Amalgamated Engineers' Union; Mr. John Horner, National Secretary, Fire Brigade Union; Mr. Lionel Fielden; Dr. K. S. Shelvanker and Mr. Reginald Sorensen.

SOLUTION FOR DEADLOCK

"The difficulties that have arisen in India owing to Mr. Amery's present policy can be solved by the British and Indian people together", declared Mr. Sorensen.

The meeting unanimously passed a resolution calling for the release of political prisoners in India, reopening of negotiations with national leaders and demanding the establishment of a National Government.

Other meetings were organised by the Indian Freedom Committee which is mainly composed of Pacifists and members of the I.L.P.

TO-NIGHT'S MEETINGS

To-night Swaraj House and the Hindustani Social Club are holding a joint meeting at Holborn Hall to protest against the imprisonment of Congress leaders and demand their release. Dr. N. N Gangulee is one of the speakers.

REDS CONTINUE SMASHING DRIVE TOWARDS KHARKOV

Capture 130 Localities Including Bogokukhov

MOSCOW, Aug. 8

It is officially announced that Godokukhov has been captured.

To-night's Soviet 'communique' says: "During August 8, our troops in Bryansk section continued to develop their offensive advance from six to twelve kilometres and occupied more than 130 inhabited localities.

In the Kharkov direction our troops continued successfully to develop their offensive and advanced 12 to 15 kilometres (eight to nine miles). More than 60 inhabited localities were captured including Bogodukhov.

15 TIGER TANKS CAPTURED IN TACT

On the other sectors of the front there was reconnaissance activity and exchanges of artillery and mortar fire.

During Saturday on all fronts our troops destroyed or disabled 77 tanks. In addition, in the Kharkov direction 48 enemy tanks including 15 tigers were captured in good condition. One hundred twenty-five enemy planes were brought down in air combat or by anti-aircraft fire.

Bogodukhov on the Kharkov-Sumy Railway is about 35 miles west-northwest of Kharkov and about 30 miles due south of Graivoron, the capture of which was announced in last night's communique.

Bloshaya Pisarevka is about eight miles south-west of Graivoron.

THREE-PRONGED DRIVE ON KARACHEV

MOSCOW, Aug. 9: Morning despatch of Reuter's Special Correspondent in Moscow: Three Soviet armies advancing from the north-west and south-west are rapidly approaching Karachev, a key station 26 miles from the German bastion of Briansk seven miles west of Orel. Karachev is one of the vital points in the outer defences of Briansk. Soviet troops have made considerable advances in their push towards Kharkov and have cut the railway. The Red airforce is night and day keeping up heavy bombing attacks on the remaining German railway communications leading from Kharkov. On the Briansk front, rain has been falling, but Soviet progress continues to be substantial.

LEBEDKA CAPTURED

Moscow radio on Monday announced the capture of the town of Lebedka, some 19 miles west of Orel representing a further rush of six miles west of Naryshkino railway station, the fall of which was officially announced overnight.

STOP PRESS

THUBE AS MINISTRY MAKER?

POONA, Aug. 9.

Rao Bahadur V. L. Thube, M.L.A had an interview with H. E. the Governor of Bombay this afternoon when, it is understood, the question of forming a ministry in the Province was discussed.—U. P.

NAZIS READY TO QUIT ITALY?

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 9.

The Swiss Correspondent of the "Dagens Nyheter" says the Germans have declared themselves ready to withdraw their troops from southern and central Italy if the Italian Government guarantees that Italy will not be used as an Allied base. The correspondent also states that a German Commission is at present in Rome to discuss the withdrawal of Italian troops from the Balkans and France, Italian workers from Germany and German troops from Italy.—Reuter.

Axis Falling Back On Messina

Fierce Nazi Resistance In Area East Of Troina

LONDON, Aug. 9: The Algiers radio said: "The bulk of the German defence line around Etna is now in Allied hands. Allied planes are attacking without respite, and the Axis are falling back on Messina."

Gen. Montgomery's Eighth Army have captured Acireale on the east coast of Sicily, bringing them within 45 miles of Messina and within 25 miles of the Sicilian side of Messina Straits. Other captured towns, San Fratello and San Agata are on the North Sicily coastal road and railway between 30 and 40 miles west of Port Milazzo, near the north-east tip of the island. The Allied forces are now covering about three-quarters of the circumference of Mount Etna foot hills.

ACIREALE CAPTUURED

The capture of Acireale, 10 miles north of Catania on the coastal road, brings Gen. Montgomery's forces 15 miles from the village of Giarre—halfway to Taormina, other Eighth Army troops by the capture of San Maria de Licodia, are now 18 miles north-west of Catania on the railway ringing Mount Etna, the town of Cesaro, which has been captured by the Seventh Army is less than 10 miles to the north-east of Trona. The main road down from the north coast pass through Cesaro from which there is a good road running south-west of Randazzo the key town on the north-west corner of Mount Etna.

From Reuter's special correspondent, Allied Headquarters North Africa:—The Eighth Army line is now eight miles north east and north-west of Catania. The enemy is using limited numbers of tanks in fighting a succession of rearguard actions with British tanks following up a steady retreat.

FIERCE NAZI RESISTANCE

The German resistance is especially fierce and stubborn in the area east of Troina where they are holding a death-grip along the road of the American advance to Randazzo in an effort to withdraw as many of their troops as possible from the pocket between the road and of Mount Etna. There are no indications that German troops have been split by yesterday's British and American advance, nor are there any indications where the Germans intend to establish the next defence line.

Allied Headquarters, North Africa Aug 9:—Today's Air communique says: "Medium bombers of the North-West African Air forces with fighter escort yesterday attacked road and railway bridges at Catanzaro and Angitoro. Trains and locomotives in southern Italy were attacked by fighters, and particularly heavy attacks were carried out of the important communication centre of Randazzo. During the day fighting bombers destroyed a number of enemy vehicles and railroad cars. Attacks on enemy shipping off the Sicilian coast were continued and two small vessels were sunk. Intruder aircraft operated over southern Italy on the night of August 7-8th. Enemy troops and shipping were attacked throughout last night by our light bombers. Seven enemy aircraft were shot down during the operations. Two of ours are missing.

AMERICAN FORCE JOINS UP

Allied Headquarters North Africa:—The American force that landed behind the enemy lines on the north coast capturing 300 prisoners have now joined up with the main American force.

"BATTLE FOR SICILY WON"

From Reuter's Special Correspondent with the Eighth Army vanguard. The battle for Sicily is over and won. "It is now a question of who can walk the fastest", declared an Eighth Army staff officer as the army drove on northwards, east and west of Etna. The German evacuation from Sicily, now appears to be speeding up, as the Allies press back the rearguard screen along the whole front.

11 Congress Members Of Corporation Unseated

The following eleven councillors of the Municipal Corporation of the Congress party vacate their seats on account of absence for a period of one year.

It will be recalled that they were arrested on the 9th of August 1942 under the Defence of India Act and since then they are under detention. As they have lost their seats by continued absence, there will be fresh elections to fill their vacancies.

Last week four other municipal councillors lost their seats who also belonged to the Congress Party. The councillors who vacate their seats now are (1) Mr. Y. J. Meherally the ex-Mayor, (2) Mr Nagindas T Master, (3) Mr. S. K Patil, (4) Mr. Bhawanji Khimji, (5) Mr. Manilal Seth, (6) Mr. Ratilal Gandhi, (7) Mr. S. K. Silam, (8) Mr. I. S. Patel, (9) Mr. Asok Mehta, (10) Mr. Borkar and (11) Mr. B. N. Meheshwari.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8

It is unofficialy estimated that Japanese casualties were several thousand in the Vella naval action in which one Japanese cruiser and two destroyers were sunk and another destroyer probably sunk.

Four ships were taken completely by surprise by United States light naval forces according to reports from Admiral Halsey's Headquarters.

Russo-Japanese War This Week-End?

From Our Own Correspondent.

LONDON, Aug. 9.

It is freely reported here that Madrid's neutral diplomat has taken a bet that Japan would declare war against Russia before this week-end. He is convinced that is the meaning of the recent conference between Hitler and the Japanese ambassador.

Madrid's weekly newspaper Espanol" carries the headline for its story about Russo-Japanese war being inevitable

BADOGLIO FALLS

NEW DEMOCRATIC GOVT. TO BE SET UP?

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 9: The composition of a democratic Italian Government to take power if Marshal Badoglio should fail was agreed at meeting of Italian Democratic Parties held this weekend, says the Berne correspondent of the "Svensa Dagbladet." It is suggested that Government would have "Left Boorgeois" character, he added.—Reuter.

Military Dictatorship Behind Nazi Facade?

WASHINGTON, August 8.

Reuter's Special Correspondent cables:—

The talks which Hitler just had with his military and political chiefs have heightened the impression here that vital changes are impending in Germany.

There are indications that the High Command is already assuming some of the functions of civil authorities.

This does not necessarily mean a dramatic 'coup', such as Mussolini's according to Washington observers.

What is regarded as more likely is the evolution of a virtual military dictatorship behind the Nazi facade' with the party shorn of most of its powers.

PLANNING TO KICK OUT HITLER

Under the rule of Generals it is thought that Germany would adopt a 100 per cent defensive strategy till the moment is ripe to discard Hitler and seek terms from the Allies.

Reports from neutral sources in Europe indicate that the chief power will be in the hands of a triumvirate consisting of Field Marshal Goering, General Keitel and General Doenitz, Goering's role apparently being that of a mediator between the military and the Nazis.

SHIPPING IN IONIAN SEA ATTACKED

CAIRO, Aug. 9: A Middle East Air communique to-day says "R. A. F. Beaufighters attacked enemy shipping in the Ionian and Aegean Seas during the week-end. On August 7, a merchant vessel and an armed coaster were raked with cannonire, followed on August 8th by attacks on a corvette and five smaller vessels. From these and other operations all our aircraft returned safely.—Reuter.

BAN ON "DAILY WORKER" EXPORT LIFTED

(From Our Own Correspondent)

LONDON, Aug. 9.

The Government ban on the export of the "Daily Worker" has been lifted.

LONDON, Aug. 9.

Three crack German divisions—the Hermann Goering Grenadiers, the Fifteenth Panzer and a German Motorised Division—and a sprinkling of first class parachutists are tapped in the Messina bridgehead, cables Reuter's special correspondent, Allied Headquarters, North Africa.

The battle on the narrowing front is confused but bitterly contested.

A FATAL WRONG STEP!

BOMBAY, Monday.

Mr. Talwakaly, Additional Administrative Officer, Supply Department was examining certain repairs on the terrace of Admedabad House at Bahard Pier. He took a wrong step and landed on the footpath four floors below. He died. On the spot.

LATEST COMMERCIAL

COTTON (October).

New York, Aug. 9.

Previous closing	19.97
To-day's opening	20.02
Difference	+.06

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

NEW YORK, August 9.

New York Stock Exchange opening prices:—

General Motors 51-1/8, Annaconda Copper mining 25-3/4.

United States Steel Corporation Common 52-7/8, Preference unquoted.—Reuter.

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The Bombay Chronicle

THE FOOD SITUATION

In a lengthy statement in the Central Assembly Sir Azizul Haque, the Food Member, has reviewed the efforts of the food conferences held since 1939 to ensure adequate production of food and its equitable distribution among all the parts of India. But he admits that so far as distribution is concerned the efforts have not been successful enough. He puts the blame on various parties other than the Government of India and particularly deplores the lack of inter-provincial co-operation. "When policies of economic nationalism", he says, "are carried to such extremes as to exclude and prevent the fullest inter-provincial co-operation in times of food shortage, lacking the inspiration of a common economic purpose for the country as a whole, they become dangerous and deadly." But what better can be expected when the co-ordinating agency seems to have neither the desire nor the capacity to exercise its powers and responsibilities in the interests of the nation as a whole? It even pampers economic provincialism by calling it economic nationalism. Even in his present speech the Food Member does not definitely state what co-ordinating measures he is going to take. Yet it is the conviction of most responsible bodies and individuals that the food problem cannot be satisfactorily solved unless and until the Government of India manage to transfer surplus food stocks from surplus areas to deficit areas. Such transfer were a war measure. Failure to do this oetimes may be prejudicial to war effort itself. Secondly, it is absolutely necessary to import at once adequate wheat supplies from Australia. This is itself a great benefit and is sure to lead to another by compelling hoarding provinces to seek an early market for their stocks.

The cattle position in the country is an important part of the food problem but has not yet received the serious attention it deserves. On Friday last Mr Hussain Imam moved a resolution on this subject in the Council of State, urging the import of meat from U. S. A. and Australia for the requirements of the Defence Services and also recommending the import of livestock from nearby countries for supply to the agriculturists at reduced prices to encourage the "Grow More Food" campaign. After some discussion the resolution was withdrawn on an assurance from Sir Jogendra Singh, Member for Health, that just at present the situation gave no cause for alarm and that, when necessary, the recommendations made would receive full consideration. But his own speech was hardly reassuring. He said, for instance, that the daily consumption of milk per head of population in India was seven ounces as against 56 in a country like New Zealand. The Indian average is now lower than seven ounces and in any case it is far less than what it should be to maintain health and efficiency. Millions have to go with less than half the actual average. This is extremely bad for children, for whom there is no good enough substitute for milk. Sir Jogendra repeated the common plea that there was no shortage of cattle, that what was needed was better breeding and that by careful feeding and weeding out of unfit stock India could increase the production of milk three times. But it is a pity he did not give the latest figures about cattle and milk production. It is generally believed that our surplus cattle, if ever there was any, was disposed of before the close of the last year largely to meet the fast growing needs of the army for meat. Moreover, while better breeding must take much time the slaughter of cattle for meat is going on on an abnormal scale and in an indiscriminate manner. Government themselves have been compelled to forbid the slaughter of milch and young cattle. Mr. Hussain Imam stated that the number of cattle slaughtered now had risen to five times the peace-time figure and the orders of the Central Government regarding protected cattle were disregarded by the butchers. Another member pointed out that the price of bullocks had gone up five times and a third said that pure ghee was becoming extremely scarce and was not available in many places even for religious purposes. These statements were not challenged by the Health Member and the position may soon be very serious when more Allied forces come to India for the attack on Burma. Plans of better breeding will not then be the best means of immediately providing more milk and more meat. It should also be realised that if there is a shortage of good bullocks the "Grow More Food" campaign will receive a serious set-back. The problem of food supply, like many others, seems to be beyond the capacity of the present constitutionally irresponsible Government of India.

Plausible Speculations

Arising out of the conferences at Hitler's headquarters reports are flying about that a drastic change in leadership and regime is likely in Germany. The broad scheme is suggested to be the replacing of Hitler by a Triumvirate of Reichsmarshal Goering, Field Marshal Keitel, the Chief of the German General Staff and Grand Admiral Doenitz, the head of the Navy. Accompanying this change there will be "the evolution of a virtual military dictatorship behind the Nazi facade with the party shorn of most of its power." The turn of the tide against Hitler and the Axis and the ignominious fall of Mussolini have made the temptation irresistible to infer such likely happenings from the present situation. These speculations, while natural, must, therefore, be entertained with great reserve. In any case, those who report them themselves repudiate any parallel with changes in Italy.

And there is another and even more plausible theory about the conferences at Hitler's headquarters. As the "Manchester Guardian" suggests, it is not unlikely that the Nazis may have made a specially urgent request to Japan to start a second front against Russia and relieve Germany of a part of her burden on the Eastern front, lest, subjected to blows from so many sides, Germany may soon collapse. It is true that the Japs are fundamentally moved by self-interest alone and it is quite likely that busy at so many fronts, expecting flare-ups at others and otherwise worried, they would decline to oblige their Allies. But, on the other hand there is, it must be accepted, great force in the possible German argument for direct Jap aid against Russia. For if Germany falls the entire Allied might would later be directed against an isolated Japan, and even in the meantime also if Badoglio surrenders owing to Hitler's inability to protect the Mediterranean area, a powerful fleet will immediately be available for operations against Japan. Never was the situation more unfavourable for Jap intervention, it is true. But never was it more urgently needed, too. Let us see how Tojo reacts to the appeal of the senior gangster Ally.

FRANKLY SPEAKING

Welcome, If True

According to the Rome correspondent of the Swiss paper "Neue Zuericher Zeitung", negotiations for declaring Rome an open city are proceeding with good prospects of success. We sincerely hope the report is true and that Rome is rescued from the perils of destructive war. The bombing of Rome was necessary if not quite unavoidable and Allied aircraft achieved perhaps the greatest success of the war in hitting only the target areas. But, as we have said before, the possibility of tragic accidents would always be there every time a bomber attacked Rome. With Rome declared an open city that possibility will automatically be removed. If Badoglio has decided to fight on for some time more, he and his Nazi ally can have their fighting outside Rome without endangering a valuable part of the cultural and historical heritage of mankind.

Fall Of Munda

Recent successes against the Axis in Europe have rather pushed into the background the final capture by General MacArthur's forces of Munda. This is natural and inevitable, because Munda does not compare with Orel, Byelgorod, Catania and Troina. But in the perspective of the war in the Pacific General MacArthur's success is quite important. Apart from the great moral value of every victory against the erstwhile victorious Japanese, the Munda operations have brought good material benefits, too. Forced to defend and save it, the Japs played the long range strategic game of the Allies. They bled, losing many more aircraft, warships and other vessels. Moreover, the conquest of Munda means the conquest of a first class airfield nearer the Jap bases. But let us remember that the Munda garrison took a month to be reduced and fought to the last man.

High-Handed

The Delhi authorities have acted in a most high-handed manner in dealing with the "Hindustan Times" and the "Hindustan" with regard to the issues of the 9th instant. The local police practically raided the offices of these papers early in the morning of the 9th and served the management with a notice from the Chief Commissioner of Delhi that the issues of the papers bearing that date "were not to leave the office till the Chief Commissioner had permitted their release to the public." The Police took away some copies of the two papers, but returned them after half an hour or so with the direction that the paper could be released for the public. It would have been more decent for the Commissioner or his representative to seek an interview with the Editors earlier and intimated to them his decisions. But the raid and the taking away of issues of the paper are improper methods in dealing with the Press. The authorities who do not respect the dignity of the Press do not encourage others to respect the dignity of the authorities themselves. The Central Press Advisory Committee, which, we believe, was not consulted by the Commissioner in this matter, should take a severe notice of his high-handed action.

"Forum"

"Forum" of Nagpur, established by Mr. D. N. Deshpande, has now been transferred to Bombay. It now appears in a new garb, under a new management, Azad Publishers, and under the editorship of Mr. Joachim Alva. It has several attractive features. We cordially welcome Mr. Alva's weekly and wish it all success.

JOSHI EXPOSES

India Govt's Food Policy Muddle

AZIZUL HAQUE ON EFFORTS TO TIDE OVER CRISIS IN BENGAL

NEW DELHI, August 9.

Initiating the Food Debate in the Assembly, Sir Azizul Haque, Food Member, in a 7,000 word speech gave "a faithful picture of the difficulties, and of the obstructions that we have had to encounter".

TIDING OVER FIRST HALF

Unabated action, he said, had brought us safely through great difficulties in the first six months of the year.

There are still those in this country who do not help us; who are indifferent to the fate of others, so long as they can attain their own selfish end, and absolute security or profit.

The Food Member described the results of the Food Conferences held since 1939 and referring to the Conference of December, 1942, said that the rice position was discussed in it and on behalf of the Bengal Government. The general position taken up by Bengal, the Food Member proceeded, was that as they were not in surplus, but in deficit, they should not be asked to contribute in any way to the All-India pool. The other Provinces considered their deficits and surpluses without taking Bengal into account.

As regards price control Bengal was definitely against it. Madras, C.P., and Assam were also opposed and U. P. was also opposed to the fixing of the price of any commodity other than wheat. Punjab agreed to a purchasing agency subject to the Government of the Punjab deciding the quantity to be exported from the Province.

PEREMPTORY ORDERS

"As soon as free trade was declared in the Eastern Zone, obstructions of every kind were placed in its way. I have before me a list of over 60 cases reported from time to time, and we have not yet been able to complete the investigation of these cases. But the nature of the allegations are as follows: Stocks purchased were requisitioned, stocks purchased were seized, a percentage of all purchases was ordered to be surrendered and in some cases at a much lower price than purchase prices, stockists were ordered to close godowns, traders were warned not to sell, station masters were asked to refuse wagons, carters and carriers were stopped from assisting movements, export was manned by peremptory orders." A Voice: By Whom? By Government?

Sir Azizul Haque said until the investigations were finished he was not prepared to say.

"Among those who complained were General Managers of Railways, the Chief Mining Engineer of the Railway Board, the Price Administrator of the Indian Mining Association, the officer in charge of rice supplies to aerodrome construction, the Chambers of Commerce and industrial concerns. It is said that trade agents were arrested and prosecuted and that goods in transit were seized, thus free trade did not function.

In order to devise immediate steps, a conference was convened in July and it expressed itself definitely against any form of free trade and recommended reversion to the original procurement plan functioning under the Government of India but with purchasing organisations working under the Provincial Governments. The Government of India accepted the recommendations of the Conference, in order to overcome transport difficulties the Food Member and the Transport Member went to Lahore to settle matters on the spot, but just at the time we could clear up all operational difficulties, there came the unfortunate breach due to the Damodar flood and it was not possible at the moment to say how long it would be before railway lines were restored. As attempt was made to send more grain by ships and in fact two ships were actually loaded with wheat. But just after loading, the ships developed engine troubles and were now under repairs.

If the Government of India have to accept any responsibility in the food problem in India, we must devise adequate machinery to carry out and quickly enforce our decisions. How this can be done and ensured cannot be decided until the difficulties of the moment are tided over."

He stated that total exports of rice and wheat since January up-to-date was just about 85,000 tons, including exports to Ceylon. Since then rice export had been banned. Regarding Defence purchases, he stated that from January to July the total of these purchases of wheat and rice was about 279,000 tons to feed two million men in the army.

If the average adult diet was only one lb of foodgrains a day, the consumption needs of India was 50.5 million tons. With 4.5 million tons as seed requirements, the total foodgrains necessary was at least 55 million tons. If half the people of India consumed a little more, namely, one and a quarter lb. a day, the figures would go up to 61 million tons And normal production of the principal foodgrains was only about 50 or 51 million tons.

If the growers chose to keep any quantity as insurance against bad harvest, if they ate a little more than the poor meal of past years if there was any carryover, it meant a gap in the supplies available in the existing conditions of things for the non-agriculturist population.

The whole economy of India in the past was on the basis of India as one economic unit. "A spirit of economic nationalism is no doubt a healthy feature in their economic life of the people. But when policies of economic nationalism are carried to such extremes as to exclude and prevent the fullest inter-provincial co-operation in times of food shortage, lacking the inspiration of a common economic purpose for the country as a whole, they become dangerous and deadly. In the absence of the realisation of such a common purpose it becomes difficult to devise any scheme that fits the interests of all and even when an agreement is reached, one comes across many obstacles which give pretexts for breaking any agreement reached. In Europe, the same conditions have led to the present war. In India it has brought about the present food problem of the country."

The Food Member referred to the Long-range Food Committee and said its report was being drafted and it was Government's intention to take action on the report without the least possible delay.

Mr. Akhel Chandra Dutta, described the present conditions in Bengal, and urged that the emergent situation of Bengal military stores within the province should be made available immediately as a loan for a temporary period, and the Government should stop purchases for the military, except for immediate requirements. Mr. Dutta wanted "famine" to be declared in Bengal forthwith. He suggested a Central Council consisting the representatives of all the parties in each province and Food Committees to advise the authorities in towns and districts. He also suggested that industrial concerns and firms should not be allowed to stock foodgrains for a great length of time and rationing should be introduced in all urban areas.

"The crisis in Bengal has resulted from a series of blunders on the part of the Government ever since the outbreak of the war," said Sir Abdul Halim Ghaznavi.

Sir Abdul said the whole of the rice that was collected and removed to safer places was exported by Government of India to meet their commitments outside India.

Concluding Sir Abdul Halim said the Bengal Government was callous to the situation and were still buying foodstuffs for undefined purposes and on the top of that they had gagged the Press and passed stringent orders against the publication of distress conditions. This policy made it impossible to raise funds publicly for the help and succour of the dying population of Bengal. He appealed to Government of India to send food to Bengal and save human lives.

Sir Henry Richardson, leader, European Group, emphasised the demand that this all-important subject of food should be placed in charge of a member with ripe experience who would be able to devote his entire time solely to food, instead of one of the most hardworked members who inherited not only the Commerce Department but the Food Department and the Department of Industries and Civil Supplies.

The speaker demanded that irrespective of who the hoarders might be, their names should be made known throughout the length and breadth of India and severe punishment meted out to them.

Mr. T. T. Krishnamachari believed that the Government of India had enough guts in them—they had used them in "suppressing the liberties of the people"—why could they not use them in feeding the people.

Sir Mohd Yamin said the long story of the lack of co-operation of the Provinces, given by the Food Member, had further convinced him that Federation was a calamitous thing!

Mr. Hyder Imam and Mr. Abdul Rashid Chowdhury dealt with the conditions prevailing in Bihar and Assam respectively.

WHY BLAME PROVINCES?

Mr. N. M Joshi said Sir Azizul Haque should have admitted the share of the Government of India in the present food muddle. Sir Azizul Haque has blamed Provincial autonomy for the great deal of the present food difficulty.

Sir Azizul Haque: Sir I did not blame any one, I only narrated the facts.

Mr. Joshi: I am drawing my inferences from the honourable member's speech. I am not an admirer of Provincial autonomy either.

But Mr. Joshi asserted that the Government of India were not so helpless as they made out.

MEDLEY OF SPECIAL INTERESTS

For instance the resignation of a Chief Minister was demanded by a Governor. Why did not the Food Member recommend to the Governor-General that the resignation was demanded of a certain Minister, who was waging propaganda against the policy of the Government of India. The Food Member, Mr. Joshi said, complained of non-co-operation by the Provincial Governments. Was there perfect co-operation among members of the Executive Council, he asked? In his opinion there was not. The Food Member, for instance had admitted that the food situation had been accentuated by inflation. But the Finance Member was responsible for inflation which showed that there was no co-operation between member and member of the Council. He asserted that the members of the Council were incapable of co-operating with each other. The Executive Council was as strange a medley of ill-assorted men with special interests, particularly communal interests which made such co-operation almost impossible.

Mr. Joshi asserted the vacillating policy of the Government of India was largely responsible for the present muddle, a thorough policy of control of prices of all necessities of life and rationing was needed. The Government of India should not insist on maintaining the existing channels of trade but the procurement, supply and distribution should be undertaken by them, the Provinces acting as their agents.

Lastly, he urged that in order to secure effective co-operation of the people, the Government should change their policy, even the political policy.

Mr. Abdul Ghani began his speech, when the House adjourned till tomorrow.—A. P.

League Wins Three Seats

PESHAWAR, Aug. 9.

The Muslim League has won all three bye-elections results of which were announced today. The result of the fourth bye-election in the Frontier Towns Constituency will be announced tomorrow.

Sardar Aurangzeb Khan, Premier, in an interview to the Associated Press said that the League was certain to capture the fourth Muslim seat as well.

Lala Kewalram Bhatia, a Congress detenu has been declared elected to the Frontier Legislative Assembly having obtained 1,977 votes defeating Lala Parmanand Chikkar, an Independent candidate, who could secure only 51 votes, from the Bannu Urban constituency.

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—"Evening News" of India.

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In a letter to the "Manchester Guardian", Mr. Reginald Sorensen regards it as "astonishing" that the Secretary of State and the Government of India should be behaving as they do.

What is really astonishing is that Mr. Sorensen should regard a long existing time-honoured normality as astonishing.

By the way, the message about Mr. Sorensen's letter even though sent by Reuters was "delayed."

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In the opinion of a distinguished confrere, Sjt. Tushar Kanti Ghosh, "two sons of Mother India, Mahatma Gandhi and Rabindranath Tagore, were responsible more than anybody else for raising India's dignity and status in the eyes of the world."

We should think not.

The credit for the achievement goes on the contrary to two sons of Ma-bap Britain, Mr. L. S. Amery and Lord Linlithgow.

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SAVARKAR YIELDS TO PRESSURE OF COLLEAGUES
—Headline.

But he has withdrawn in good order though not, we are assured, according to plan.

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Among the conditions on which the Hindu Mahasabha Working Committee consents to participate in Coalition Ministries is that Muslim League should shelve the issue of Pakistan and should not attempt to pass resolutions about it.

Which seems to us to be a capitalist conspiracy directed especially against Doctor Wadhwani.

Another original statement to this effect is due from the Honourable Sind Doctor after, of course, he has visited Bombay and consulted his—er—socialist sources.

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Discussing why China had not been able to do more against the Japs, Dr. T. V. Soong said in a B.B.C. broadcast "we have no apologies to make because we were poorly armed."

It's China's Allies who have a whole lot of apologies to make since 1930. But we doubt if they would beyond expressing patronising regrets.

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Anglo-India is worried over the problem of Italy because "the great danger from the Allied point of view is that Italy will fall into internal chaos....."

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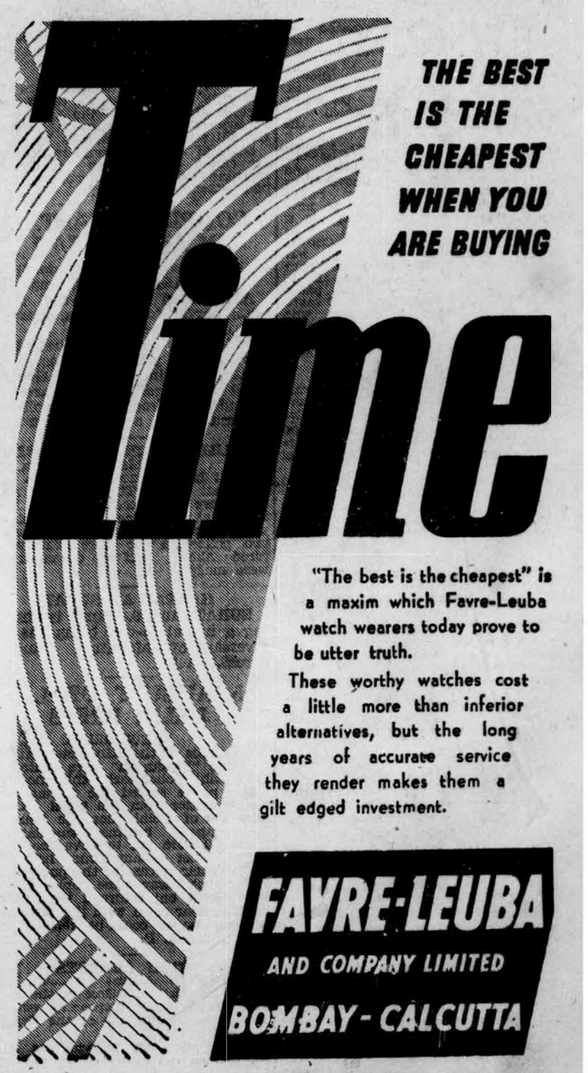
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The police stated that they were arrested for contravening the Lighting Rettrictions.

ALLEGED MURDERER OF GRANT ROAD-RESTAURANT OWNER TRACED

The Maharbouri police put under arrest one Abdul Hamid on the charge of an attempt at murder yesterday at Grant Road, and produced him to-day before Mr. D. S. Babrekar, Presidency Magistrate, Girgaum Court.

The facts of the case are that the suspect was alleged to have stabbed the owner of a 'New Grant W. P. Restaurant' at Grant Road, following a petty quarrel on July 16 and was absconding since then.

The Police, however, traced him yesterday and immediately put him under arrest. The suspect is allowed bail till August 20.

GRUESOME MURDER NEAR NORTHBROOK GARDEN

BOMBAY, Monday.

Northbrook garden was the scene of another gruesome murder last evening. The dead body of the victim with stab wounds on the chest was found in a pool of blood on the footpath.

The deceased Mullajan Azmatkhan a young Pathan was an operative in the Mazagaon Oil Mill at Wadi Bunder. He was residing in Begum's Chawl at Mutti Gully. Last evening his dead body was found lying in a pool of blood in a corner of the foot path near the Northbrook garden. The culprit who committed the offence with a clash knife left it in haste near the dead body in a broken condition. A skull cap was also found by the side of the deceased.

The Pydhoni Police who removed the body of the deceased to morgue are making investigation.

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TIME & TALENTS CLUB CHARITY CONCERT

The musical concert at the Taj on Monday evening exhibited a good standard and incidentally revealed new local talent through Mrs. Marthe Naidu, who sang some exquisite French songs—her voice has a good range, and while she sang Mozart with due restraint, she put plenty of feeling and 'abadon' in the pretty pastoral French folk songs of the 18th century and in a light piece of Gonnod.

John Russell who had already appeared with the Bombay String Quartet, was heard to greater advantage on this occasion. Special mention must be made of his own arrangement for the piano of Purcell's "Trumpet Voluntary" which he rendered with excellent expression and technique. He was at his best in Cesar Franck's "Sonata", brilliant in Liszt and Strauss; and with a less stiff piano his renderings of Handel, Back and Albeniz would have been exquisite.

Homi Kanga is a rising violinist of promise who did remarkably well in the Sonata, and his technique in Mendelssohn's "On the Wings of Song" was unimpeachable.

It was undoubtedly a good recital and the Lady Mulla Memorial Fund Charity must have benefited from it.

Dr. Vyas' Plea For Tagore's Statue In Bombay

On the occasion of the second anniversary day celebration of the late Dr. Rabindranath Tagore, a meeting of the past and present students of the Fellowship School, members of the staff and friends was held on Sunday last in the Fellowship School hall. The function began with the Vedic prayers by Sjt. Bhimrao Sashtri, the Ex-Director of Music, Shantiniketan and now of the Fellowship School. Dr. D. Vyas in course of his speech suggested that the citizens of Bombay can pay a fitting tribute to Dr. Tagore if they raise a statue in his memory at a prominent square of Bombay or by naming a main road after Dr. Tagore. He felt it is high time that India paid her tribute to the Poet by raising an All-India memorial. Thereafter, Sjt. Bhimrao Sashtri and students presented Dr. Tagore's songs to the accompaniment of veena and the function ended with Dr. Tagore's favourite community song.

Urdu Literary Conference

BOMBAY, August 9.

The Urdu Literary Conference held under the auspices of the Islamic Society was attended by a large number of people consisting of distinguished poets, literary men, etc. Dr. A. H. Kazi, the President of the Society presided. The Raja of Mahmudabad inaugurated the conference. The President of the conference Mohurul Qadri, well-known Urdu poet strongly opposed the introduction of blank verse in Urdu poetry which he said was against the genius of Urdu poetry.

Several resolutions dealing with the above points were passed unanimously.—O. P.

Cattle Food For Famished Bengalis

CALCUTTA, August 8.

A special officer had been appointed by the Government of Bengal to assist those who proposed to establish free kitchens and cheap canteens to help in the present food situation, announced the Minister for Civil Supplies, Mr. H. S. Suhrawardy, opening a free kitchen started by the Daridra Banbhab Bhandar in Calcutta yesterday.

The Minister added that the officer was making experiments on the preparation of a standard form of khichuri or gruel in which as little rice as necessary might be used, the gruel being made palatable and nutritive by the use of other food grains.

A gruel composed of cushed or hand-pounded jowar, bajra, wheat groundnuts and dal of a various kind, with a little rice and considerable quantity of vegetables such as koomra or sweet potatoes with some onions and turmeric and of course salt, will make the quite a nutritive and palatable gruel without any substantial drain on our rice resources said the Minister.

He continued that arrangements were being made to prepare this kind of gruel in Government kitchens for sale at subsidy rates to any charitable person or organisations who would like to purchase the ready-made gruel for distribution rather than undertake the organisation of kitchens themselves.

Appealing to all social and political organisations throughout the country to take up the matter of organising such relief, he asked them to form volunteers and assist the Union Food Committees and Village Food Committees to establish free kitchens.

The services of all officials were placed at their disposal and also the resources of Government. But the distress was so widespread and was likely to become so acute in September, October and November, that speedy organisation and action were necessary.—A. P.

City And Suburbs

TODAY

Hindu, Shravan Shud 9, 1999
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Sunrise: 7-19 a.m., Sunset 8-8 p.m.
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Improvements Committee meeting 2-30 p.m. (B. T.).

To-day's Engagements

SOCIAL SERVICE LEAGUE: The Voluntary Social Workers' Training Class will meet to-day at the League's Head Office, Sandhurst Road, Girgaon, when Diwan Bahadur Dr. J. S. Nerurkar. will deliver a lecture on "Public Health Services and Sanitation" from 6-30 to 7-30 p.m. (S. T.).

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION: A. R. P. Lecture by Mr. Camruddin G. Vakil on "War Gases" at Lady Willingdon Building to-day at 6-30 p.m.

GATHA SOCIETY: A public meeting of the Gatha Society will be held to-day at 6 p.m. (S. T.), at the K. R. Cama Oriental Institute, 136 Apollo Street, Fort, when Mr. Sorabji Naoroji Kanga will read in Gujarati a paper on "Men of the time of resurrection Will be like the Race of Supermen of Aurobindo and not like the stray supermen of Nietzsche".

GIRGAUM DIST. HINDU SABHA: To consider the situation created by the demand of separate electorates for Muslims by the B. P. Muslim League, an urgent meeting of the Girgaum Dist. Hindu Sabha will be held to-day at 9-30 p.m., at the office of the Sabha (Parerra Building, opp. Kelewadi, Girgaon Road).

LATE SIR ADAMJI PEERBHOY—The anniversary of late Sir Adamji Peerbhoy, Kt. will be celebrated to-day at 9 p.m., at Begmahomed Baug, Manomedally Road.

RATIONING IN TWO MORE VILLAGES: Rationing is to be extended to the two more villages of Majas and Oshivaro, adjoining the Parle-Andheri Municipal borough, in the Bombay Suburban District, from August 15.

CONSUMERS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE: The Bombay Government has appointed Mr. A. B. Mavlankar to be a member of the Consumers' Advisory Committee representing the Bombay Millowners' Association, in place of Mr. J. E. Jacob, who has resigned.

Case Against Secretary Of R. W. I. T. C.

ORDER TO BE PASSED TO-DAY ON WITHDRAWAL APPLICATION

BOMBAY Monday.

Mr. Vyavaharkar added that the renewed his application to-day before Mr. K. J. Khandalawala, Presidency Magistrate, Mazagaon to be allowed to withdraw the five prosecution pending against Major Gulliland Secretary of the R.W.I.T.C.

Major Gulliland is charged with non-declaration of large stocks of rice, wheat, barley, sugar and ghee.

The first reason was that the accused was not in Bombay during the period between the date of the Government notifications and the date of the non-declaration in respect of which the default arose.

His Worship inquired what were these two dates, Mr. Vyavaharkar said that the two dates were February 28 and March 9. His worship inquired when Mr. Gulliland was out of Bombay.

Mr. Caroe, who represented the accused, said that he went out of Bombay on March 9. On his Worship inquiring at what time he went out of Bombay on that date, Mr. Caroe said that the accused left Bombay at 2-30 p.m. on that day. Mr. Caroe also said that from November to January the accused was away on military duty, returning to Bombay early for the races.

The police prosecutor said that these foodstuffs were obtained under a permit from Government and that Government were aware that these foodstuffs were in the accused's possession.

Mr. Vyavaharkar added that the accused had tendered an expression of regret for the default on his part.

His Worship said that it was policy of Government to accept expression of regret in cases of political offences and that there were several cases concerning foodstuffs in which expressions of regret had been rendered and the prosecutions had continued.

Mr. Vyavaharkar said that it was not only the expression of regret but its cumulative effect along with two other reasons, he had been instructed to mention.

His Worship said that he would pass orders to-morrow (Tuesday.)

The Half-Column

By "Dim"

There was no Half-Column yesterday, which is understandable when you bear in mind that it was August 9th—a day on which one likes to write of things other than Mr. Amery and Lord Linlithgow, the USOWI, propaganda, the Gent from Dash Dash Road and other "allied" topics. Also one likes to write without looking at the "Rules" that stare you in the face. So, as runs an ancient proverb, "Silence is golden".

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Mr. Joachim Alva sends me a copy of his new newsmagazine FORUM, which is gratefully received. I am against the starting of any new newspaper or magazine in India except on a first class scale. Otherwise they don't last. Mr. Alva's paper does not satisfy my requirements of a newsmagazine. I may be wrong—and this is said in a most friendly way—but in its present form I feel FORUM will not last and I feel disappointed at seeing magazines crop up which don't get anywhere. But I am honest enough to say I may be wrong, in which case I shall be glad for Mr. Alva's sake, as I would be for anyone's sake embarking on a new venture. Alva tries to give to us an Indian imitation of TIME. But FORUM is a long way from the original. However, we wish Mr. Alva every success and hope he will change his cartoonist at the earliest possible date. The sketch of Mr. J.R.D. Tata looks more like Sybillia, once of the Taj, than the Chairman of that great industrial house and that Mr. Alva should have allowed such a sketch to appear in his paper is a trifle disappointing. Also the picture of Madame Chiang Kai Shek under the caption beginning "These HIN...." is inexcusable journalism.

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HIGH COURT OF BOMBAY
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Ex parte: ODHAVJI KANJI: .. Petitioning Creditor.

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S. S. RANGNEKAR,
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O. O. C. J.
Summary Suit 923 of 1942.

RAMCHAND BASHAMAL ..... Plaintiff.
Versus
BASUDEO JUGALKISHORE RUIA ..... Defendant.

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BASUDEO JUGALKISHORE RUIA, the defendant abovenamed,

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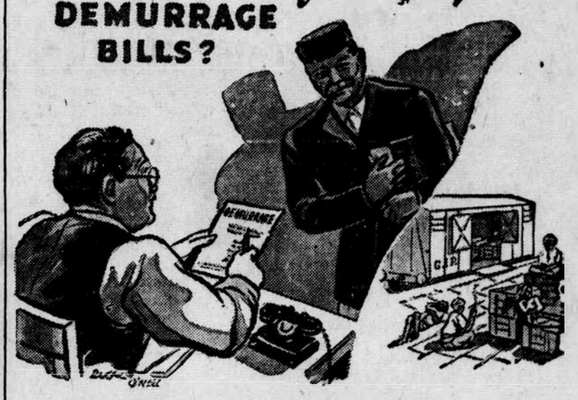

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Heavy Demurrage Bills invariably mean that the wagons allotted for your goods are not being loaded and unloaded as promptly as they should be.....Do you ever inquire into the reason for this?....Are you sure that all such delays are unavoidable?.....Your forwarding and clearing staff or agents can help to minimise them by simple precautionary measures such as ascertaining the likely time of arrival of consignments or when wagons will be made available for loading and by arranging beforehand to clear the traffic immediately.....

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